

Table 45. Wage and salary workers paid hourly rates with earnings at or below the prevailing Federal minimum wage by occupation and industry

(Numbers in thousands)

Occupation and industry	2000				
	Workers paid hourly rates				
	Total	Below prevailing Federal minimum wage	At prevailing Federal minimum wage	Total at or below prevailing Federal minimum wage	
				Number	Percent of hourly-paid workers
OCCUPATION					
Managerial and professional specialty	10,049	79	33	112	1.1
Executive, administrative, and managerial	4,280	35	12	47	1.1
Professional specialty	5,769	44	20	65	1.1
Technical, sales, and administrative support	23,020	229	262	491	2.1
Technicians and related support	2,790	12	6	17	.6
Sales occupations	7,472	131	156	286	3.8
Administrative support, including clerical	12,758	86	101	187	1.5
Service occupations	13,524	1,302	374	1,676	12.4
Private household	361	61	5	65	18.1
Protective service	1,550	17	7	24	1.6
Service, except private household and protective	11,613	1,224	362	1,587	13.7
Food service workers	5,564	1,046	218	1,264	22.7
Health service workers	2,159	37	38	75	3.5
Cleaning and building service workers	2,450	63	49	112	4.6
Personal service workers	1,440	79	57	136	9.4
Precision production, craft, and repair	9,811	37	18	55	.6
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	14,933	162	146	308	2.1
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	6,374	45	45	90	1.4
Transportation and material moving occupations	3,662	42	17	60	1.6
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	4,897	75	84	158	3.2
Farming, forestry, and fishing	1,407	34	34	68	4.8
INDUSTRY					
Private wage and salary workers	63,951	1,754	789	2,543	4.0
Agriculture	1,241	29	26	55	4.4
Nonagricultural industries	62,710	1,725	763	2,488	4.0
Mining	297	1	1	1	.4
Construction	4,915	15	14	29	.6
Manufacturing	12,851	64	58	122	.9
Durable goods	7,869	36	18	54	.7
Nondurable goods	4,982	28	40	68	1.4
Transportation and public utilities	4,284	43	16	59	1.4
Transportation	2,729	35	10	45	1.6
Communications and other public utilities	1,555	8	6	14	.9
Wholesale and retail trade	17,946	1,184	420	1,604	8.9
Wholesale trade	2,416	19	9	28	1.2
Retail trade	15,530	1,164	412	1,576	10.1
Eating and drinking places	5,325	1,007	234	1,241	23.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	2,877	20	14	33	1.2
Services	19,540	399	240	640	3.3
Private households	430	65	6	71	16.6
Other service industries	19,110	334	234	568	3.0
Personal services, except private households	1,849	85	31	116	6.3
Entertainment and recreation services	1,256	62	32	94	7.5
Government workers	8,793	89	78	167	1.9
Federal	1,828	10	9	19	1.1
State	2,284	24	27	52	2.3
Local	4,680	55	41	96	2.1

NOTE: The prevailing Federal minimum wage was \$5.15 per hour in 2000. Data are for wage and salary workers, excluding the incorporated self-employed. They refer to a person's earnings on their sole or principal job, and pertain only to workers who are paid hourly rates. Salaried workers and other nonhourly workers are not included. The presence of workers with hourly earnings below the minimum wage does not

necessarily indicate violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as there are exceptions to the minimum wage provisions of the law. In addition, some survey respondents might have rounded hourly earnings to the nearest dollar, and, as a result, reported hourly earnings below the minimum wage even though they earned the minimum wage or higher.